

RHODA P. H. GARDNER.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Simpson D. Huffaker was a pioneer of 1847 who lived with his wife, Rhoda P. Barnum, in South Cottonwood, Salt Lake County. To them was born December 30, 1865, a daughter, whom they named Rhoda Priscilla. Her mother soon dying, Rhoda was given to the care of Laurette Palmer Barnum, her grandmother.

With this good woman she spent her girlhood and young womanhood in Peoa, Summit County, Utah. Here she received a common school education and later worked a number of years in the Peoa Co-op.

On October 15, 1886, Rhoda was married to James H. Gardner in Logan. For one year they made their home in Salt Lake County and then braved a new country in Idaho. With her husband she helped to bring under cultivation the quarter section of government land upon which he had filed, undergoing all the hardships and inconveniences incident to a pioneer country.

In 1892 the family moved to Lehi, which has since been their borne. Mrs. Gardner has here reared a family of nine children, which alone is sufficient to show that her life has been a busy one. But outside of her family cares she has found time to participate in the various activities of her sex. In Idaho she was secretary of the Relief Society and first counselor in the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association. When the Lehi Second Ward was formed, she was made second counselor in the Relief Society, a position she still holds.

